

West End Library

Planning Department Public Meeting

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<https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/west-end-library>



Planning Department

February 12, 2025

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ZOOM MEETING INFO + TIPS



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RAISE HAND TO GET
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QUESTION OR
PROVIDE A COMMENT



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AGENDA

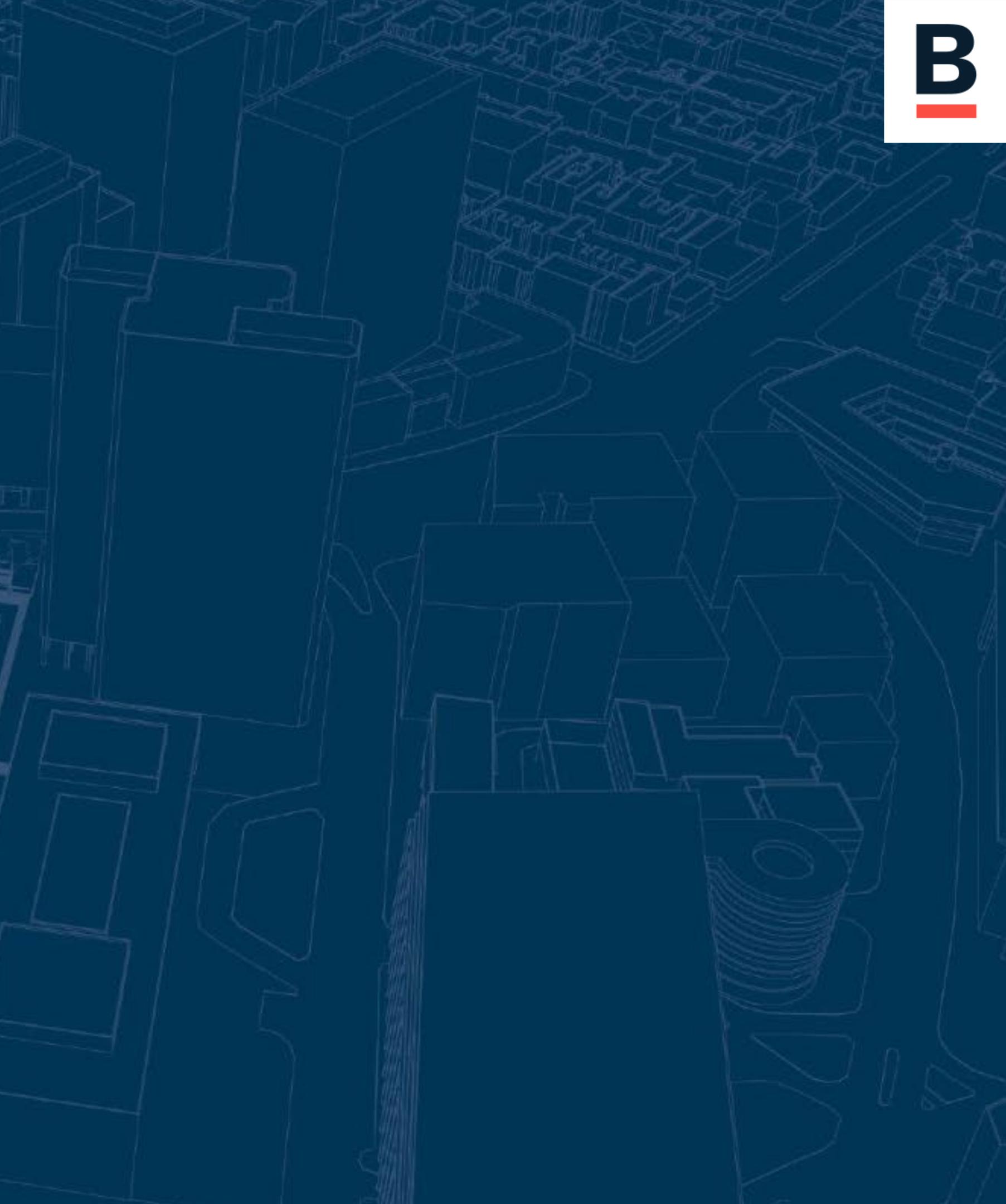
1 WELCOMING REMARKS (5 MINUTES)

Camille Platt, Project Manager, The Planning Department

2 PRESENTATION OF THE WEST END LIBRARY PROJECT

(30 -45 MINUTES)

3 PUBLIC Q&A/COMMENTS (APPROX. 1 HOUR)



MEETING FORMAT



- During the presentation, all microphones will be muted. However, if you have a clarifying question about something in the presentation, please submit your question through the “Chat” tab and we will do our best to answer it while the presentation is in progress.
- Once the presentation is over, we will take questions and comments in two ways:
 - 1) Through the “Chat” tab at the bottom of your screen.
 - 2) Or, you can raise your hand and we will take your questions verbally in the order that the hands were raised.

MEETING INFORMATION



- The presentation for this evening is available to view on the project webpage on The Planning Department's website: <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/west-end-library>
- Comments may be submitted through the project webpage or emailed directly to Camille.platt@boston.gov
 - The comment period for this project is open through February 21st, 2025
 - Meeting recording will be uploaded to the project webpage within 48 hours

VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE



- We want to ensure that this conversation is a pleasant experience for all.
- The host will mute all participants during the presentation to avoid background noise.
- Please be respectful of each other's time.
- We ask that participants limit their questions so that all may participate in the discussion.
- You can always set up a conversation with the project manager, Camille Platt, by emailing Camille.platt@boston.gov for further discussion.

West End Library Development

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Meet the Team

Co-Developers:

Preservation of Affordable Housing
Caste Capital

Article 80 Consultant:

Bevco

Zoning Attorney:

Goulston & Storrs

Design Architect:

MASS Design Group

Architect of Record:

The Architectural Team

Landscape Architect:

G2 Collaborative

Civil:

Nitsch Engineering

Traffic Engineers:

VHB

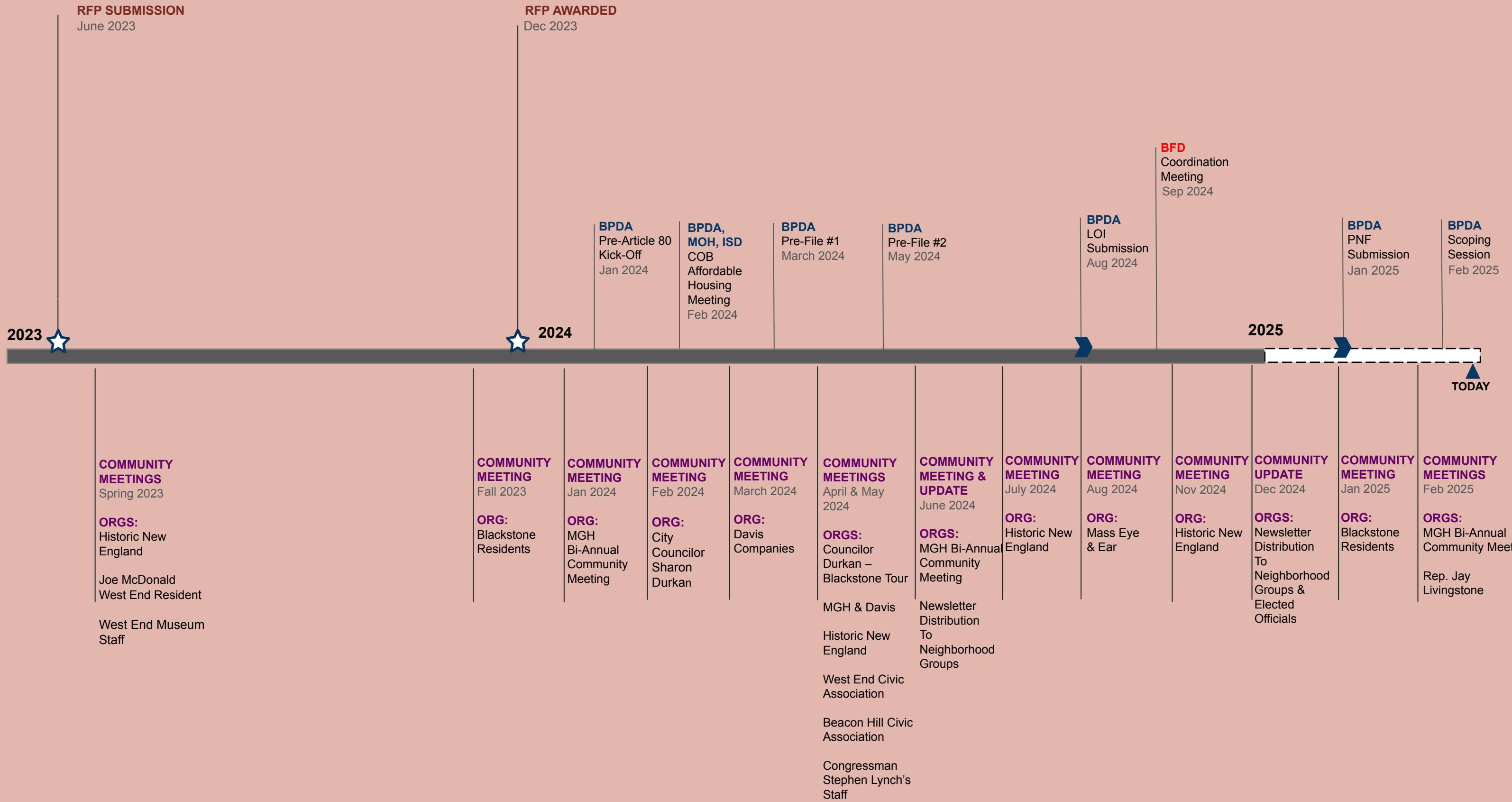
Sustainability:

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Property Management:

POAH Communities

Meetings Timeline



Community and Public Benefits

Increase affordability in the West End

Affordable to Households at:	Units	% of Total
30% AMI	40	34%
60% AMI	49	41%
80% AMI	30	25%
Total	119	100%

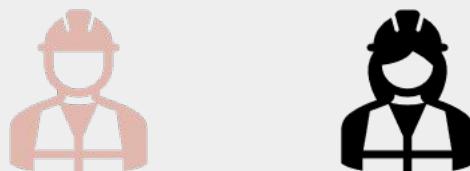
Strengthen reliance on transportation



Revitalize the neighborhood



Generate economic benefits



Achieve sustainability goals

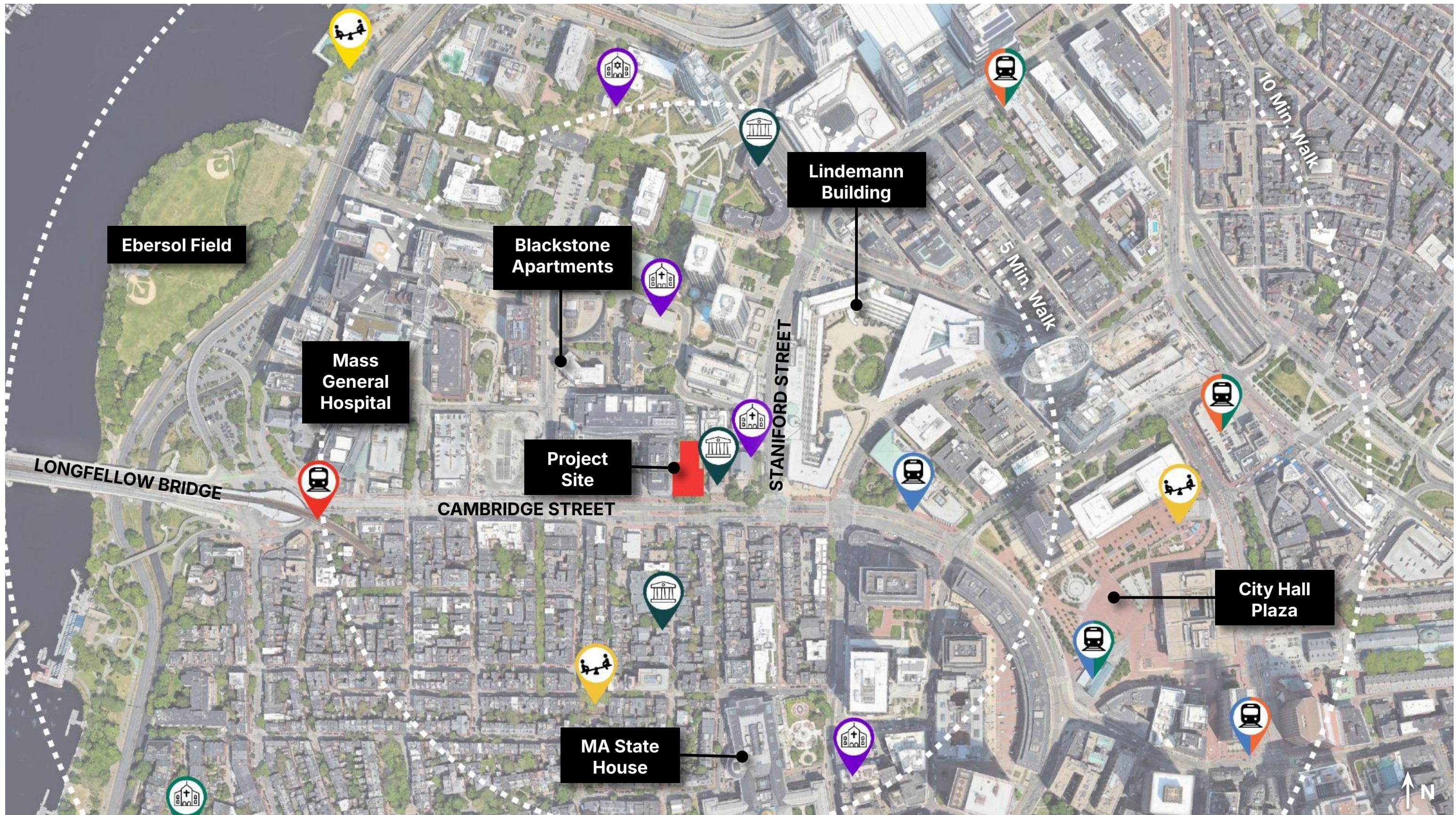


Development Program

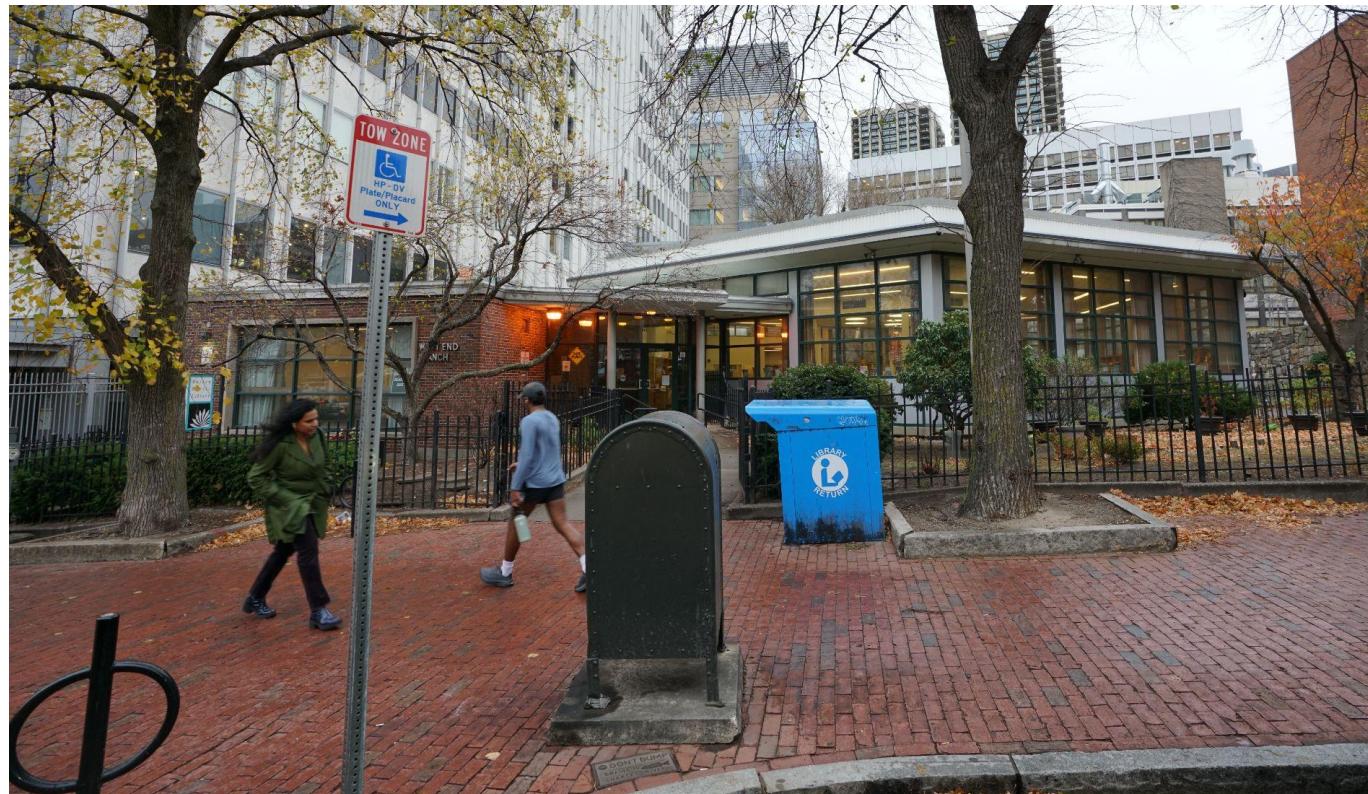
- **22,195 SF** Lot Area
- **176,520 SF** Gross Floor Area
- **165'** building height
- **14** stories
 - 12 stories for residential
 - 2 stories for the library
- Approx. **119** residential rental units
- Approx. **19,000 SF** of community space for the library
- Outdoor plaza
- No vehicle parking
- Approx. **160** bicycle parking spaces
 - 128 long-term
 - 32 short-term

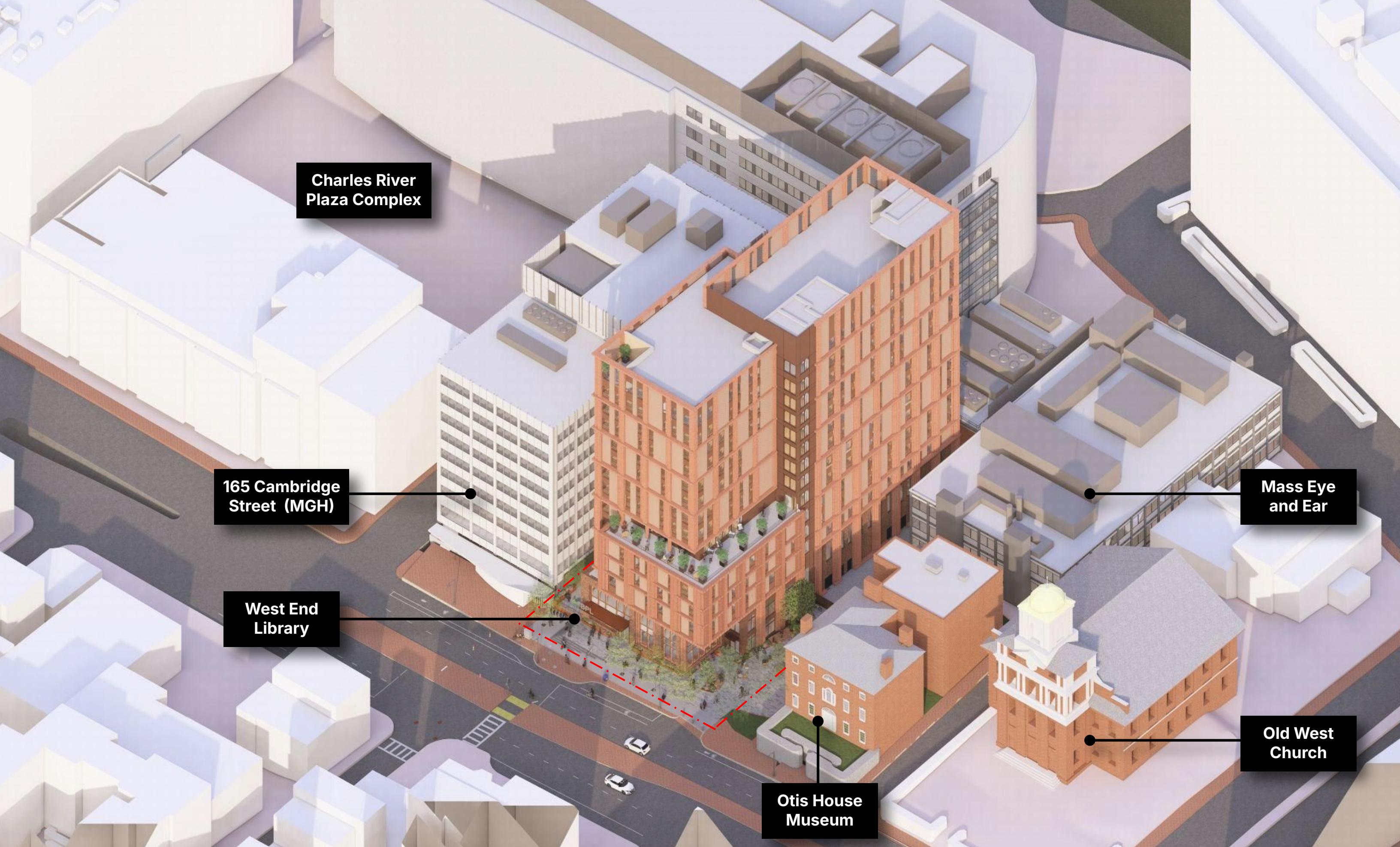


Aerial Context Map

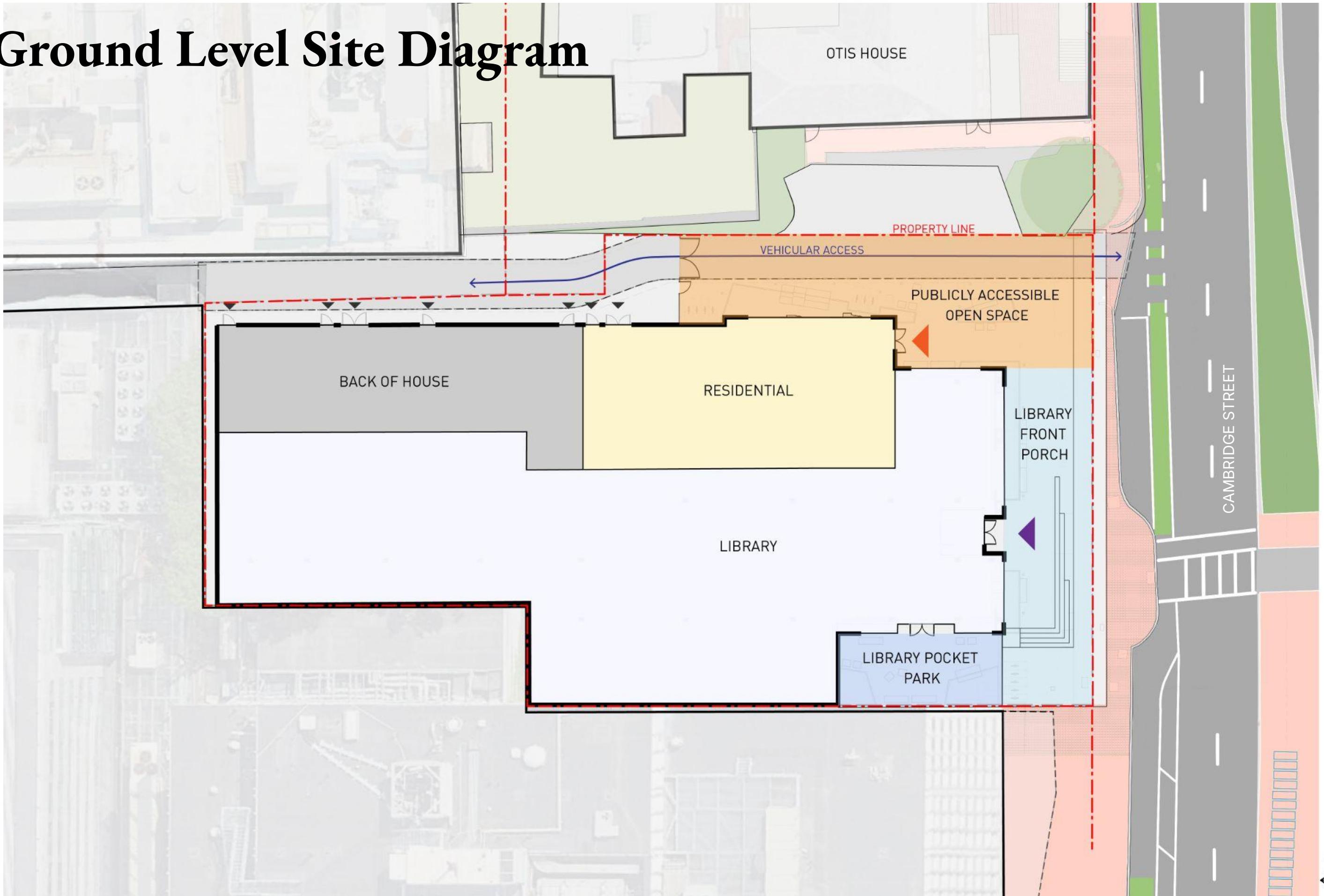


Existing Site





Ground Level Site Diagram



Open Space Plan

- 1 MULTI-AGE SEATING
- 2 PLANT BEDS
- 3 BIKE PARKING
- 4 STREET TREES
- 5 PERMEABLE PAVING
- 6 MOVEABLE FURNISHINGS
- 7 PLAYFUL TIERED SEATING
- 8 LIBRARY POCKET PARK
- 9 BOLLARDS





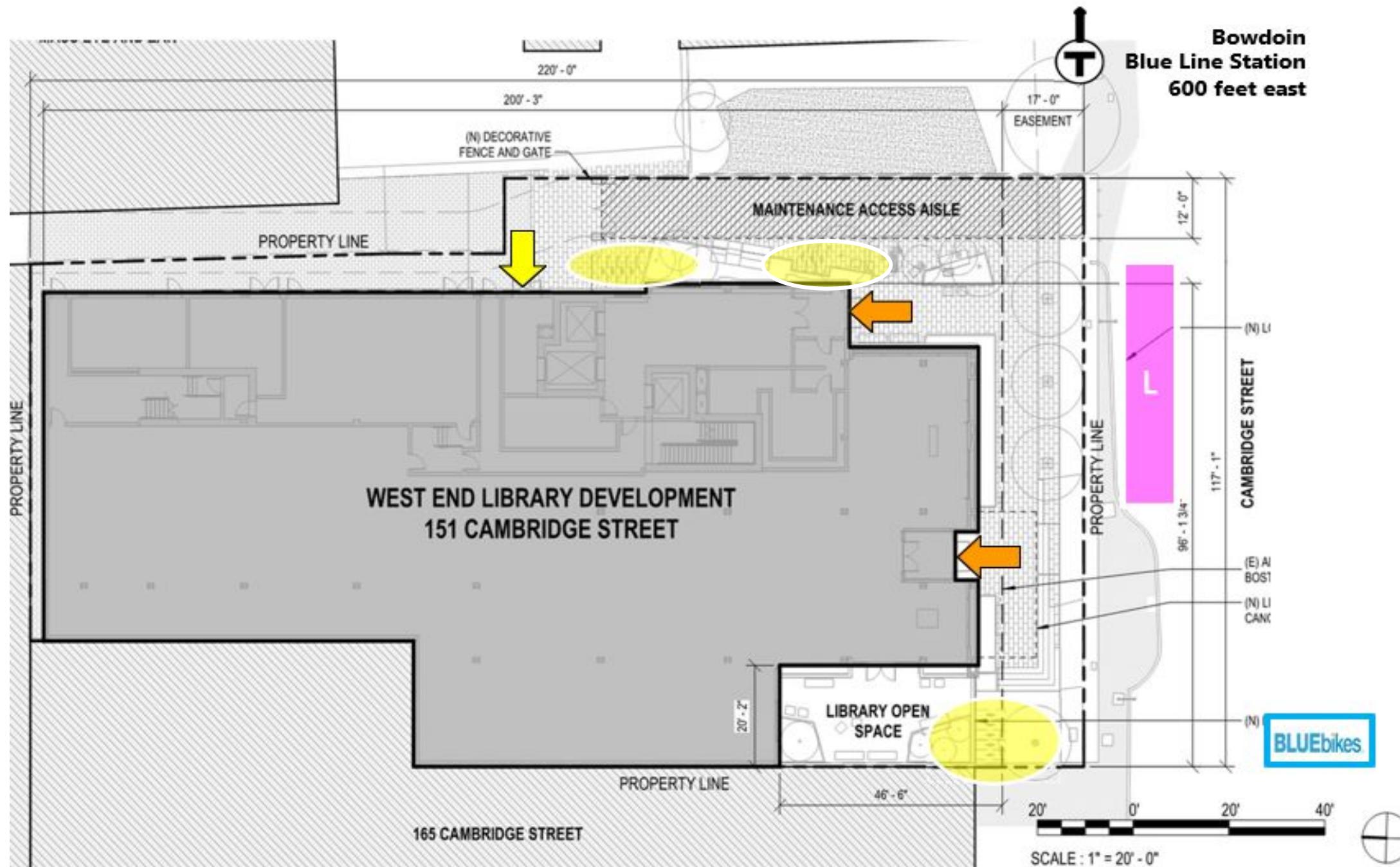


Transportation Study Overview

- Study scope coordinated with BTD in September 2024
- Standard Methodology
 - (ITE 11 with GoBoston Mode Share Rates)
- Program includes:
 - 19,000 SF Library use
 - 119 Residential Units
 - Net increase in peak hour vehicle trips
 - = 3 trips AM and 5 trips in PM
- Bicycle parking per Boston Guidelines
 - = 128 long term and 32 short term
- No vehicle parking provided on-site
 - (removal of 14 existing spaces)
- Loading accommodated curbside within 40-foot zone
- Transportation Demand Management / BTD Point System



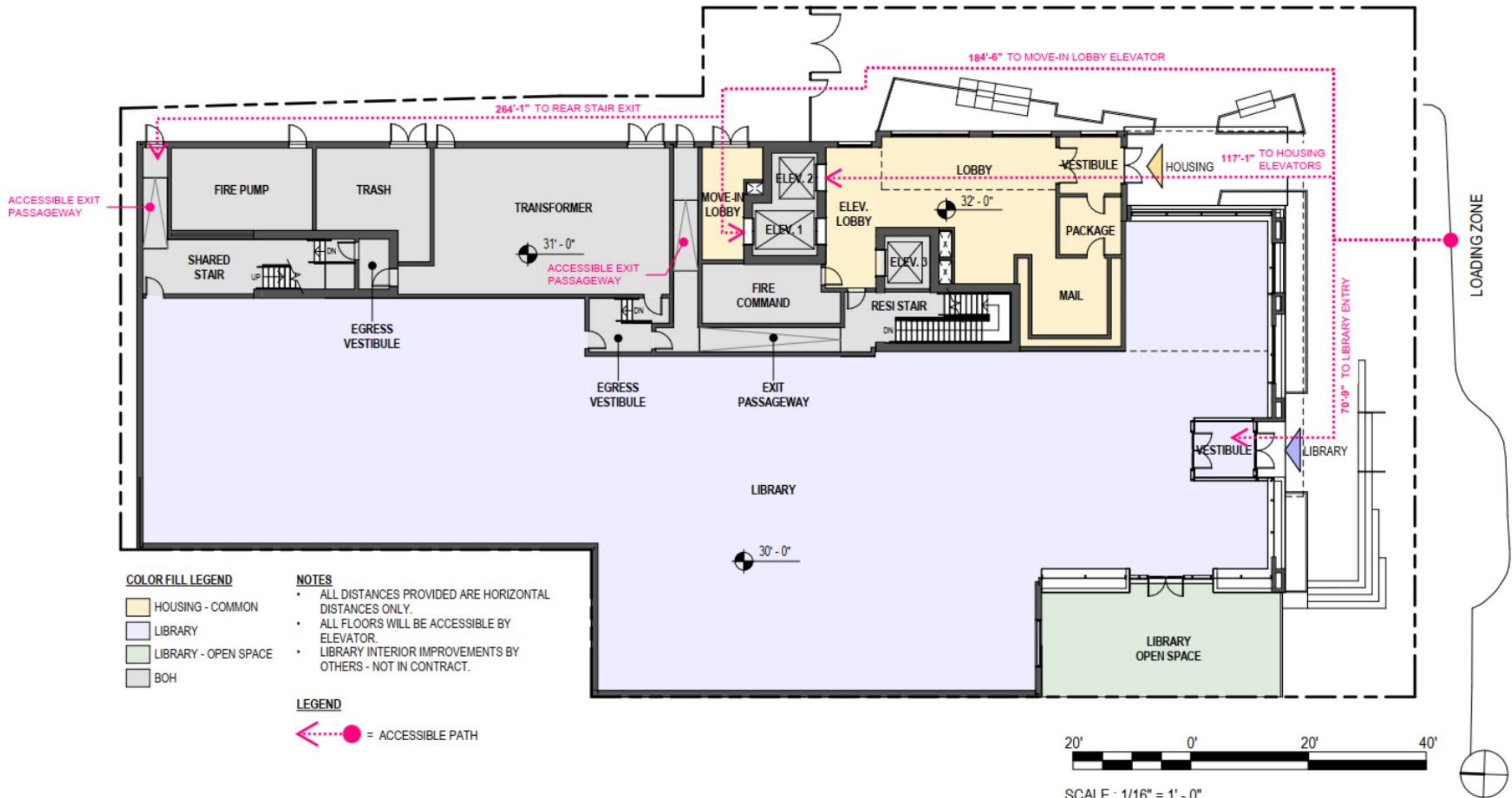
Transportation Access and Circulation Plan



- Pedestrian Access
 - Library and Residential
- Vehicle Access
 - Trucks / Cars in 40 ft Loading Zone (On-Street)
 - No on-site vehicle parking
- Bike Parking
 - Long Term Parking for residents (bike room)
 - Short Term Parking for Visitors (by entrances)
- Transit
 - Blue Line Bowdoin
 - Red Line Charles/MGH
 - Orange Line Haymarket & North Station
 - Green Line North Station
 - Commuter Rail North Station
- Bluebikes
 - Existing Station in Median

Accessibility

Figure 3-49 Accessibility Plan – Level 01





Thank you!

